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Application of: McCafferty *et al.*

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For: Methods for Producing Members of Specific Binding Pairs

Group Art Unit: 1627

Examiner: P. Ponnaluri

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 11, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an office action mailed April 11, 2000 issued in connection with the above-identified application. This response is due October 11, 2000, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a three month extension of time. No additional fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees deemed due from Marshall O'Toole Gerstein Murray and Borun account number 13-2855.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented below, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and favorable reconsider of the application.